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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

SEPTEMBER • 1956

In Memory

The Rev. John J. G. Graham, retired Congregational minister, passed from this life at a convalescent home in El Dorado on August 3. Mr. Graham celebrated his 90th birthday the week before he died. He had served pastorates in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. The Graham's made their home in Wichita for a number of years before moving to El Dorado five years ago where Mrs. Graham passed away in May, 1955.

Survivors include a son Stanley of Royal Oaks, Michigan and a daughter Mrs. Arthur E. Leaper of Wichita, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Important Dates

Sept. 2 & 3: P. F. Officers' Planning Conference at Rymph's.
Sept. 3: 3:00-9:00 P.M., Committee on the Ministry at Rymph's.
Sept. 13: 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee and Town & Country Committee at Hepler's
Sept. 14: 10:00-5:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee at Rymph's.
Sept. 17: 10 A.M. to Sept. 18 at 11:30 A.M. Women's Board Meeting at Rymph's.
Sept. 18: 3 to 9:00 P.M. Social Action Committee at Hepler's.
Sept. 22 & 23: 4:30 P.M. to Sept. 23 at 4:30 P.M. Third Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at Topeka First.
Sept. 23: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee at Hepler's.
Sept. 24: 9:00 A.M. through noon - Board of Trustees at Rymph's.
Sept. 29-30: Family Life Committee and Retreat. Noon Saturday to 3 P. M. Sunday at Rymph's and Hepler's.
Oct. 2: Southern Association at Eureka.
Oct. 4: Eastern Association at Seneca.
Oct. 7 & 8 - Western Association at Kinsley.
Oct. 16-18: Midwest Regional Meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan.
Oct. 20: Work Day for Christ.
Oct. 21: Laymen's Sunday.
Nov. 2 & 3: Statewide Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Emporia.
April 26-27, 1957 - Second Annual Weekend State Conference Meeting at Wichita Fairmount.

Our Cover Picture

About seventy Pilgrims representing 7 churches in the Southern Association met Sunday, July 1 at Plymouth Congregational Church's Bonnie Brae swimming pool, Wichita for morning worship, swimming, lunch, and an afternoon of organized sports.

Shown in the picture are a portion of the young people, with the Rev. Charles L. Burns of Plymouth Church, sponsor, (standing, right.)

The group held their own worship service at the recreation area, with John Matson of McPherson preaching, assisted by Roger Poppe of Whitewater. During the afternoon, the group made plans for future association activities.

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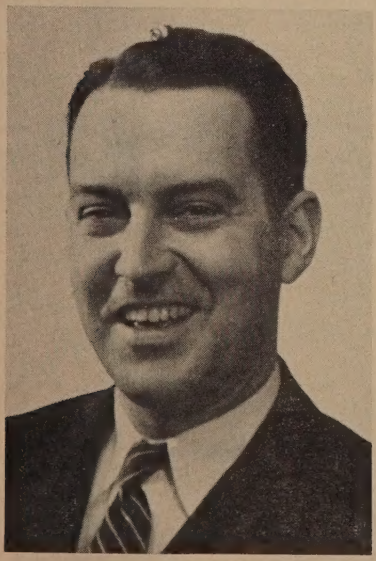
Third Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop

Two hundred Kansas laymen are expected to gather at First Church, Topeka on September 22 and 23 for this annual occasion sponsored by Kansas Laymen's Fellowship, Mr. Ralph Ewing, President. Registration and fellowship will begin at 4:30 on Saturday. The Rev. Dale Emerson Turner, Conference Moderator, will be featured following the Courtesy Dinner on Sunday.

Guest Leader

Due to a recent illness and operation, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, who was scheduled to give leadership, will be unable to come. We feel very fortunate to have the Rev. T. K. "Tommy" Thompson, Executive Director of Stewardship for the National Council of Churches, coming as our leader. Mr. Thompson was formerly with our Missions Council Department of Stewardship and has many friends in our fellowship. He will conduct an Every Member Canvass Clinic on Saturday evening, will bring the message Sunday morning, and the closing meditation Sunday afternoon.



Rev. T. K. Thompson
Guest Leader

Workshops

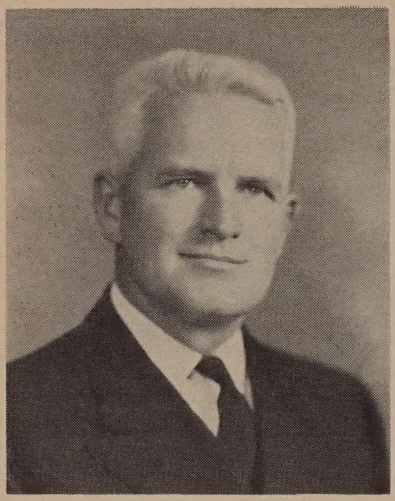
The two workshops give promise of being very enlightening and worth while. One will be a study of the **"Right to Work"** issue with L. E. Weiss of Augusta, Kansas, President of Spencer Stafford Loadcraft, speaking for the bill. Floyd Black of Topeka, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Federation of Labor will speak against the bill. There will be ample time for discussion with Guy T. Gebhardt, Chairman of the Conference Social Action Committee, presiding.

"Missions Unlimited" workshop will be a reporting and discussion with Daniel R. Hopkins of Garden City in charge, assisted by Frank Good, Orval Reeves and Charles Aeschliman. These men attended the American Board Seminar in Chicago in late May. Mr. Good's more detailed report on pages 8 and 9 radiates the inspiration of this experience.

Don't Fail!

Send a carload or more of your Key Laymen - church officers - trustees - deacons. Lodging will be furnished in homes for those who make advance reservations. Mr. Wayne Harding, local chairman with the help of First Church laymen have plans laid to literally "roll out the carpet" for their guests. Courtesy meals - wonderful fellowship!

Spark Your Church Program!



Dr. Harold T. Hanlin
Association Guest Leader

Fall Association Meetings

Featured at these meetings will be Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, U. S. Navy Chaplain in World War II, now Field Superintendent and Christian Educator for the American Board in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. His "parish" extends from Palau in the Carolines to Majuro in the Marshalls, three thousand long sea miles. His story is well worth hearing.

In-state leadership will include General Council delegates, Conference Committee representatives and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, State President of The Women's Fellowship. Dave Cutting, Kansas P.F.'er who spent last summer in an Ecumenical Work Camp in Scotland and last school year at the University of St. Andrews, will talk at Southern and Eastern.

Southern meets at Eureka, October 2; Eastern at Seneca, October 4; Western at Kinsley, October 7 and 8. Plan for a good delegation from your church.

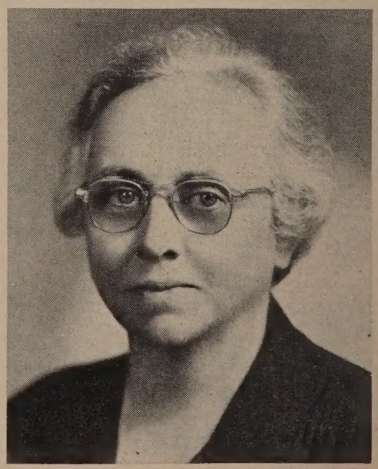
Reception At Ruby

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Rymph of Kansas City Ruby were honored at a reception Sunday evening, August 26, given by their congregation. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. June Lingo, Chairman of the Deaconesses. Mr. E. A. Klingler, Chairman of the Deacons presided at a short musical program presented by the Junior Choir under the direction of Miss Freida Roth. As a token of appreciation the Rymph's were given a beautiful silver coffee service.

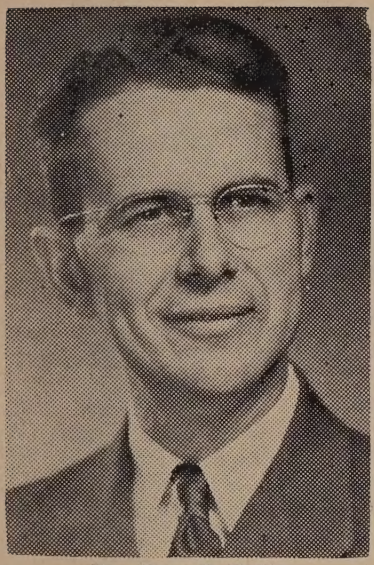
Huggins Itinerary

Request for a block of time for Miss Alice Huggins to speak in Kansas churches has been granted. The Conference Office is scheduling Nov. 1-19, and can book some dates later in November and early December.

Miss Huggins, a missionary in China for almost 40 years, spoke at the McPherson Women's Retreat. Her graphic story was so enthusiastically received that her time is in great demand.



Miss Alice Huggins



Rev. Kenneth Martin

Mrs. Kenneth Martin

PASTORAL CHANGES

Kansas City Welborn

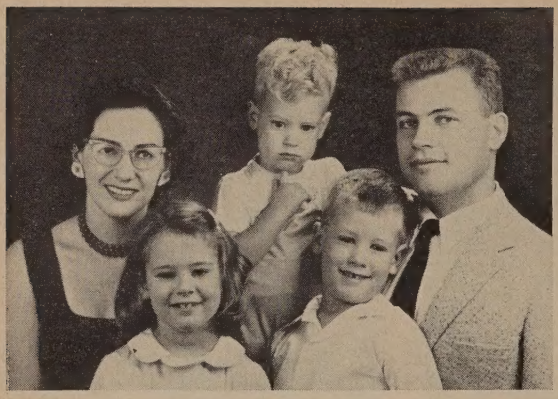
In mid-summer, the Rev. Reuben R. Trickey, for the past six years minister of Welborn Church, resigned to accept the pastorate at Whiting, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Trickey moved to Whiting late in August and began leadership there September first.

The Welborn pastoral committee, headed by Mr. Perc Rayl, Church Moderator, and including Mr. Orval Reeves and Mr. Robert Beggs, worked fast and on July 29, the church extended a call to the Rev. Kenneth Martin of Spencer, Iowa. The Martins began work at Welborn September first.

Mr. Martin is a graduate of Texas Christian College and Andover Newton Seminary. Mrs. Martin earned her Master's Degree in Religious Education at Andover Newton Seminary. The Martin's work as a team. The churches they have served report their outstanding leadership in Church School, youth work, dramatics, music, organizition and pastoral care. They have two children, Mary 13 years of age and John 10.

Eureka

Joseph G. Morgan has accepted a call to serve our church at Eureka beginning in late September. Mr. Morgan has just completed a ten year pastorate at Sparta, Wisconsin. During his pastorate there the church experienced increase in attendance and membership. This was accomplished over against an actual decline in population. Mr. Morgan was born in Wales, received his College education in London, graduating from Russell Hart College in 1922. He came to America soon after and took his seminary work in Chicago, graduat-



Rev. and Mrs. Dan Tyson and 3 Children

ing from Union Theological College in 1927. Mrs. Morgan has been most helpful in the choir, church school and women's activities.

Smith Center-Athol Parish

The Rev. Dan Tyson accepted a call to this western Kansas parish early in July and will begin work the first of December when he completes work for graduation from Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, California.

Mr. Tyson, a native of Cambridge, Nebraska, graduated from Doane College and completed a years work at Chicago Theological Seminary. He has held both state and National offices in Pilgrim Fellowship. Following pastorates at Almena and Centralia he was in business in Wichita where he was active in our Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The Tyson's have three children. Mrs. Tyson (Fairy Hoffman) of Wichita Plymouth met her husband while attending Doane College. It will be a pleasure to welcome the Tyson's back to Kansas.

Wakefield

The Rev. Marvin Hein, for the past three years minister of our church at Wakefield, resigned to accept a professorship at Tabor College where he will also be assistant pastor at the Mennonite Church.

The Wakefield Church has shown marked progress under the leadership of the Hein's and they will be missed greatly in the church and community.

The Rev. Robert Vogt, a licensed minister in the Mennonite Brethren Church and a student at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City accepted a call to Wakefield and began work September first. The Vogts with their 2 children, 2 and 4 years of age will live in the Wakefield parsonage.

Pauline Bloomer To Greeley

Miss Pauline Bloomer, Director of Religious Education at Wichita Plymouth for the past 2 years, accepted a like position in our Congregational Church at Greeley, Colorado and began work September first. Previous to her work at Wichita, Miss Bloomer served on our State Conference Staff for three and one-half years.

At Greeley she will be working with the Rev. Fred Hyslop, minister. A new Religious Education plant has just been completed. Pauline will have the pleasure of planning and promoting the program in the new building. We wish her well in her new venture.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ewing

Lawrence Plymouth Assistant

James Ewing began his work as Assistant Minister in Plymouth Church at Lawrence, August 15th. Mr. Ewing graduated from Carlton College in 1952 receiving the Dana award as the "best all round graduate." In 1955 he graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary. While in seminary he met and married Miss Joan Smith of Topeka, a religious education major at the Seminary. For the past year he has been the minister of the Congregational Church at Malta, Montana. The Ewing's come to us with a high recommendation from their State Superintendent, George E. Stickney, who writes: "What is there about Kansas that makes a person want to go back to such a state? We are sorry to lose Jim and Joan; the people here all regret to see them go. They will fit in at Lawrence in a wonderful way. We commend them to you wholeheartedly." We welcome this couple to Kansas and feel grateful to Joan for selling her husband on this good state. James has a good background of understanding of the work of the ministry for in addition to his training, both his father and mother are active ministers in our fellowship.

Wichita Pilgrim

After more than five years service as the first pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Wichita, the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel resigned to give leadership to the Broadmoor Community Church in San Leandro, California beginning September first. Under his leadership the Wichita church built a lovely sanctuary and a Christian fellowship of more than 500 members.

At a called meeting of the church on August 13, the Rev. T. Merton Rymph was extended a unanimous call to become the new minister at Pilgrim. Following graduation at Boston University School of Theology in May 1954, Merton accepted a call to our church at Anthony. His dynamic messages in his own pulpit, in meetings of the larger fellowship and at youth camps have won wide acclaim. We wish for him continued success in his new and larger field of service. The Rymph's have 3 children - 2 boys and a girl. They will move to Wichita early in October.

Rev. T. Merton Rymph

Missions Come Alive To Laymen

By Frank Good

As Congregationalists we like to feel we are conservative in our religious thinking, not want to give vent to the emotions. Not often do we relish, in a visible way, the heights of uninhibited joy. Yet, such joys are ours. Given a suitable stimulus, in or out of the church, we react with quite refreshing and reassuring normalcy.

Chicago Seminar

It is therefore interesting to report on a stimulus of inspired proportions which brought visible reactions upon 27 laymen in Chicago. This select group of men from 8 midwest states were invited by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to a 3-day seminar May 25-27 for intensive study, participation, and instruction on the problems, projects and personnel of our worldwide missions activities.

To these men, in a mere three-day period, came an epic experience never to be forgotten. It came to this reporter and to the others very subtly and very personally.

It was in one of the final sessions that you realized you weren't alone in your magnificent experience. On the closing morning in just 90 seconds each of the laymen was given an opportunity to express his reaction to the conference. New pride welled up in you and you felt a dynamic thrill as each laymen disclosed in his own personal way this mutual bond of concern, this strong sense of responsibility toward those whom it is our task to care for.

And yet it wasn't always so. A mere three days prior you hadn't sensed among the laymen this all-encompassing concern for others.

Oh, all of us felt that missions had a place. But most of us were not thoroughly alive to the field work. To some it consisted in packing clothing barrels. To others it was evident that "missions" was a sort of charity, an alms basket sort of thing.

Glowing Reports

This was before we heard the Rev. Hari Gnanadason tell in his quiet, but vibrantly exuberant, way how in India the Christian church is growing and expanding despite the encumbering hardships placed on it by rising nationalism and increased vigor of the ancient religions of Hinduism and Buddhism. It was heartwarming to hear that the native churches are now developing missions programs of their own.

You glowed with pride at hearing so dedicated, so wise, and so Christian an Indian man at a place of leadership in our work there.

It was very thrilling to hear the Rev. John R. Lepke, one of our missionaries, describe in vivid detail the unmistakable signs of racial cooperation in segregation-torn South Africa.

Doubtless no one sat unmoved by tragic scenes so graphically shown on the screen by Belden Paulson. His slides of Dr. Teofilo Santa's work in Naples, Italy, cry out with unspeakable eloquence in depicting our work among nominally human beings debased to an animal level in the heart of Italy.

A fresh view of the Expanding Christian program in Japan was told by Dr. Takeshi Muto. Moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan, Dr. Muto related from his own many personal experiences how in his country the Christian is made much more effective because the efforts of 23 de-

nominations are pooled into a common project and a common goal.

The Impact

Assimilation of these first hand reports didn't occur immediately; each report was so fully informative. Their import was strengthened in informal bull sessions, in small groups, held directly after each talk. The first of such informal group meetings showed the pattern-lively, but friendly, discussions requiring that you develop a point of view.

But it was not from the organized sessions that a new missions-wise viewpoint was clinched; the sessions merely provided the grist for independent thinking. The fine sifting and screening occurred in the after-hours two-somes, three-somes, and four-somes. Interestingly enough, when these laymen, with virtually 27 different occupations, would be found together, the trend of conversation didn't center about new cars, new clothes, golf, or that old favorite topic, women. No, the talk stemmed from the conference subject, but not in pious terms - just forthright and practical searching, devoid of fancy trimmings.

Outstanding Leadership

No less important to us was the opportunity to see at close range the men who comprise a portion of the American Board. Are they businessmen as well as religious leaders? Is their thinking geared to the vast world-wide social and economic revolutions of 1956? Do they have a workable program for continuing the missionary enterprises of our denomination? Do they make every penny count? These questions and others were not answered in point-blank fashion. Piecemeal throughout the conference you caught glimpses of the American Board's attitude and as the various pieces fitted together you were thrilled and you marveled at the expertness with which the vast operations of the board dovetailed into a powerful program.

The straight forwardness, shrewdness, and clear thinking of the Rev. Ralph R. Shrader, project secretary of the Missions Council, helped set a fast-moving, exciting pace in the seminar. He was a friend and counsellor to all. His engaging personality and his sense of humor caught our permanent admiration. It is in men of this wholesome stature that you wish to place your trust for the continued growth and development of our missions operations.

Certainly there was no one at the conference who radiated deeper dedication and sincerity than Dr. Raymond A. Dudley, former missionary to India, now American Board Secretary for India and Ceylon.

In his capacity as dean of the conference, Dr. Glenway W. Nethercut, Oak Park, Ill., gave mute testimony to the effectiveness of a layman whose life is Christian thru and thru.

Many of the details of the conference program were handled by Carl Holdridge with the skill you would wish to expect of an American Board associate treasurer, who must of necessity zealously guard many details.

No Other Way

With fitting drama on the closing morning, the conferees met in the beautiful little chapel on the seminary campus while the Rev. Joseph C. Cleveland, D.D., in an impressive communion service, called us all to an inspired support of missions as a vital part of the Christian way of life. By this time we all felt an inner compulsion to respond. There could be no other way.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Sadie Rubendall
Mrs. Julia Dannenberg
By Gaylord Women's Auxiliary

Mrs. Adelaide Palmer
By Topeka Seabrook

Mrs. Eula Metzger
By Council Grove Women

Mrs. Mae Baker
Mrs. Emma Hale
By Almena Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Elizabeth Callahan
Mrs. Joseph Hanlon
Mrs. Homer Hunter
Mrs. Rosa McAllister
Miss Pauline McCaig
Mrs. W. H. McCaig
Mrs. Frank S. Miles
Mrs. Loren Nuzman
Mrs. J. A. Shoemaker
Mrs. W. H. Welty
Mrs. Matilda Jones
Miss Anna W. Heartburg
By Topeka Central Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Sarah Permelia O'Hara
By Partridge Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Esther F. Mairs
By Kinsley Ladies' Society

"HEARTWARMERS"

This has been a wonderful summer. We've had cool weather often to relieve the normal summer heat and then so many grand events have taken place. It was heartwarming . . . .

. . . to visit the Dover Federated Church May 29. Dr. Kirkpatrick, minister, and his wife welcomed me, as did all those present.

. . . to attend the first Retreat for Congregational-Christian women of Kansas. This is understatement-our hearts were afire. Every woman there thrilled as Ione Catton showed us "The Open Door" thru which every church must pass to live; everyone loved our own Alice Huggins as she took us to China as only Alice can; we all learned to appreciate the thousand and one services given by our State Conference office as Supt. Rymph and five women told us how Our Christian World Mission operates in Kansas; each one went home with a renewed knowldege of the "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

. . . to have breakfast at 8 A.M., with my good friends in Sabetha. This was their last meeting of the year and it was heartwarming indeed, to hear them vote a large portion of the balance in their treasury for missions.

. . . to install the incoming officers at Topeka Central. It was fine to hear glowing reports of Retreat made by the women who had attended and it was very nice to visit many friends.

. . . to be a delegate to General Council in Omaha and to cast my vote for the union of two great denominations. Our Chaplain, Reverend Cloma A. Huffman, summarized General Council by saying, "there had been drama in the aisles and on the stage," and, referring to the union, "We had witnessed a struggle to die, but that part of a church must die in order to live; that it will come alive on a higher plane as a result of this death; that for some it had been real agony."

. . . to visit with our good neighbors the Seabrook Fellowship, and to witness the young women who are officers and who are doing a fine job of presenting our National program to their women.

. . . to be a fraternal delegate, representing CC women, at the Conference for Evangelical and Reformed women, held at Doane College. Every part of the program was excellent and I came home more convinced than ever that we have much to give one another and that all will benefit from sharing.

. . . to go with Gordon, my husband, to visit the members of St. Paul's E&R church in Eudora. They asked us to talk to them about the customs and work of our church. It was their Annual Family Night and we were proud to be part of the family.

—Vera Lancaster

Kansas At La Foret

If the interest and enthusiasm displayed by those who attended La Foret was an indication of its merits, the Laymen's and Women's Conference held in the beautiful Black Forest, August 12-19, was a complete success. With majestic Pike's Peak in full view from the dining hall, the beauty of the Ponderosa Pines, the cool invigorating air, one felt very humble and thankful to the Master Builder and Creator. The highlights, of course, would depend upon each individual, but with the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Kohler, E & R ambassadors, it is needless to say that the merger can not be anything but the happiest of all occasions. Ken's ability to "teach" the Bible amazed and intrigued us and, overheard many times, "What our church needs is a real Bible Study taught like Ken Kohler does it."

Rev. Proculo Rodrigues, Bishop of the United Church of the Philippines, brought the reality of Our Christian Mission very close. He was reared a Catholic, but while in a school directed by a Christian Headmaster who practiced the teachings of Jesus very closely, the heart of this Philippino youth was won and Mr. Rodrigues has devoted his life to Protestant Christian Service among his people.

We are confident that every church represented from the 15 states, will be a better church because of La Foret.

Our spiritual lives were deepened, our learning of Bible truths were made more real, our closeness with OCWM was richer, our fun and fellowship with new and old friends; these are some of the things we shall keep in Memory's Hall.

Kansas Delegates

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Epps, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves and Mrs. T. M. Stratton of Topeka Central; Mrs. Emily Yocom, Mrs. Dorothy Bush, Mrs. Gertrude Moss and Mrs. M. C. Stromire (Clay Center) all from Little River; Mrs. Frank Korab, KC First Pilgrim; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Garrigues, Great Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Verno Shorthill and Allan, Mrs. Boyce Forbes, Mrs. Donald Robertson, Mrs. George Rinner, Mrs. Ralph Kimbal, Mrs. Albert Jackson and Miss Eva Wolford, of Topeka Seaman.

—Eva Wolford Reporting

Our Sympathy

Friends of the Rev. Irving Faust family will be sorry to learn of Mr. Fausts death on August 16. The Faust's served our Congregational Church at Newton for several years and were serving the Congregational Church at Racine, Wisconsin at the time of his death.

Calling ALL P F ers

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

October 20, 1956

The Purpose

To Make Real Our Faith . . . .
To Send Our Dollars Where We Can't Go Ourselves . . .
To Build Bridges of Understanding In A World Of Hate. . .
LAST YEAR: 950 groups reported gifts totaling more than $40,000 through "Work Day for Christ." That's really "Dedicated Dollars."

What's A Work Camp

Upon hearing that one of their P.F.'ers was going on a summer work camp, Central Church in Topeka began to buzz with questions. "What is a work camp? "Who will she work with?" "What will she do?"

I was called upon many times to answer that a work camp is a group of young people who go out in Christian Service to help their fellowmen.

As well as working side by side with the local South Dakota Indians, we held discussions, worship services and took trips with them. Through the work, discussions and worship, I gained a much fuller and richer understanding of two valuable words: "brotherhood" and "the wider fellowship."

The Work Camp was on the Rosebud Reservation, Bad Nation, S. Dakota, and starting with a frame church, that actually swayed in the wind, we remodeled, repainted and rebuilt it to be a strong, glistening white church of beauty inside and out. The manse was in much better shape, but still needed a new room and three coats of paint. —Virginia Epps, reporting

Seven Kansas P. F.'ers

Attended the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship at Doane College Campus, Crete, Nebraska, accompanied by "Uncle" Orville Hepler . The four voting delegates were headed by the newly elected State President, Dick Williams of Emporia. Eastern Association was represented by David Heath of Topeka Central, Southern by Kent Thompson of Wichita Fairmount, and Western by David Felton of Great Bend.

Helen Million and Ted Lortz from Wichita Fairmount attended as did Lucinda Hepler of Topeka Central.

A special honor was voted to Dick Williams when he was chosen as one of twelve regional representatives. He will endeavor to promote an interchange of fellowship in the region including Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and the Central South Conference. Ask him how he likes to receive a Hawaiian Lei?

Trick or Treat! S.O.S.!

The Halloween "Trick or Treat" project grows in popularity each year. Each $1.00 distributes $20.00 worth of food.

CARBONDALE CANVASSERS

July 22

New Parsonage For Carbondale

The above picture was taken on July 22 just before the men of the Carbondale Community Congregational Church began their canvass of the community to secure funds for the completion of their new parsonage. They raised $3,204.32 in cash and $3,033.68 in pledges making a total of $6,237.00. This was in addition to a pledge of $1,000.00 from the Womans Society. The construction to date includes the basement and framework of the house. This has been paid for and the church has, in addition to the above amounts, over $2,000.00 in its building fund.

Since much of the construction will be done with volunteer help, the available cash and the money pledged will come close to covering the anticipated costs.

The date of completion will be in the spring of next year. The Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Kruse, Sr., of Topeka will move to Carbondale as soon as the house is ready. Mr. Kruse is the third from the left in the front row of the picture.

Mr. Carl Fisher, extreme left in fourth row of picture, was chairman of the canvass committee. The Rev. Orville M. Hepler, Assistant Superintendent of the Conference, conducted the four training sessions, spoke to a meeting of the women and gave the sermon on the morning of the canvass.

Adults To Study Congregationalism

The Congregational Christian Churches, Part 1, by Frederick L. Fagley, is the Pilgrim Series Course for older young people and adults this fall. It is a concise and interesting review of our Congregational and Christian heritages well worth careful study in all our adult church school classes.

Every layman, teacher and minister in Kansas should secure a copy of this book and study it carefully.

Even though you may not be able to attend an adult class, you can buy a copy of the pupil's book from the Pilgrim Press for only forty-five cents, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and study it by yourself.

Family Camp In Retrospect

Eleven Kansas families with a total of forty-seven parents and children attended the fourth annual Kansas-Nebraska Family Camp held in Estes Park at the Association Camp from July 29 to August 4. They became acquainted with ten families from Nebraska, one from Iowa, one from Boston and one from South Africa.

The majestic setting in the Rockies, the worthwhile adventure groups, the evenings of family games, the picnic, the Indian ceremonial camp fire, and the vesper services blended together into a week to be long remembered.

Kansas campers included:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amelung, Teddy and Karen of Prairie Village;

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bulkley and Timothy of Central Church, Topeka;

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Colhour, Dianne and Donald of Russell;

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Converse, Brandley, Valery, and Dorothy Helen of Central Church, Topeka;

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Curtis, Judy and Gary of Plymouth Church, Wichita;

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Dool, Bob and Kenny of Plymouth Church, Wichita;

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Felton, Ray and Mary of Great Bend;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenhaw, Martha and Jimmy of Prairie Village;

Rev. and Mrs. Orville M. Hepler, Lucinda, Priscilla, and Margaret Jo, of Central Church, Topeka;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laing, Linda and Mary Gay of Seabrook, Topeka;

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Northam, Elaine, Joanne, John and Ross of Manhattan.

Now is the time to begin making plans for a family from your church to participate in the 1957 camp!

Interdenominational Coaching Conferences

The sixth annual Leadership Education Coaching Conferences sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches will be held in Garden City, October 14 and 15; in Great Bend, October 16 and 17; and in Emporia, October 18, and 19.

These conferences provide excellent opportunity to church school officers who are interested in conducting leadership training courses in their local church or in cooperation with other churches.

Send to the state office for more information.

New Format For Family Books

The Pilgrim Series Family Book for this fall quarter has been written especially to fit the needs of parents with children from six to twelve years. Its title is "Your Family and Your Church."

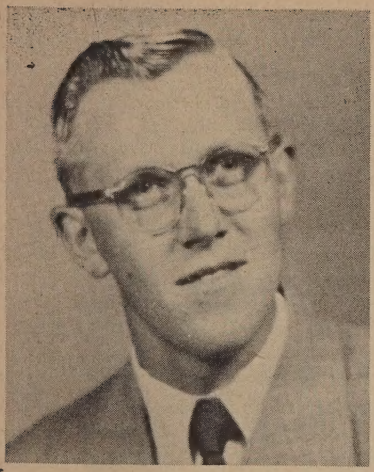
The price is fifty cents.

It has four distinct sections to assist you and your family this fall. They are:

1. Articles just for parents,
2. Stories showing family church relationship,
3. Activities that may be worked on together as a family group, and
4. Suggestions for family worship on the many special holidays of the fall season.

New Pamphlets On Adult Education

The Department of Adult Work and Family Life of the Division of Christian Education has published two helpful pamphlets that your education committee and church school officers should study: "A Program of Christian Education for Adults", 25c and "Resources for the Adult Study Program," free.



Rev. Marvin Ediger

Stanley

The Rev. Franklyn Jost who served our Stanley Church while completing his studies at Central Baptist Seminary terminated his work there in June. The Rev. Marvin Ediger, also a Mennonite Brethren student at the seminary has been called to serve at Stanley. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ediger are graduates of Tabor College.

Sedgwick

The Rev. Wm. J. Penner, a ministerial student at Bethel College, has been called to serve our church at Sedgwick. Mr. Penner is the son of a Congregational Minister in Torrington, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Penner will make their home in the parsonage at Sedgwick while he serves the church part time and continues his studies at Newton.

Kansas City First Pilgrim

The Rev. T. N. Goodale has accepted a call to Fort Dodge, Iowa where he will begin leadership October 1st. Under Mr. Goodale's leadership the past four years, First Pilgrim has increased in membership and attendance. Mrs. Goodale served as president of the Council of Church Women the past year and is Vice President of our Kansas Fellowship of Congregational-Christian Women. We wish them well in their new work in Iowa.

Maple Hill

The Rev. Lloyd Refsell who supplied our church at Maple Hill while doing clinical work at the State Hospital left this field for work in Minnesota in June. The church has been supplied during the summer by the Rev. Morris Peterson of Osawattomie.

Mount Hope

The Rev. Leroy McReynolds of Mount Hope Federated has resigned to accept a call to the First Christian Church at Joplin, Mo., Sept. 15.

Eureka

The children of the Eureka Sunday School who responded to the call from the new church in Wichita are pictured below. Most of the money came in as love offerings, but one group collected old iron and sold over $7.00 worth to the junk dealer.

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The Charles Holbrook Library
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1708 Scenic Ave.
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A miniature church with a beautiful bell of Sarna hung in its steeple, received all of the gifts and, when the amount reached $25.00, the gift was sent.

Announcing

The arrival of Christine Elaine, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gurtler of Ellis on July 17.

The arrival of Michael Durrett, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Rex Kelly of Plevna, on July 20.

The marriage of the Rev. Marion W. Baker to Miss Elizabeth Axtell in Pasadena, California on May 31.

The New Church At Wichita

Mayflower Community Congregational Church is the name under which our new church is now chartered, according to the Rev. Elmo Paff, minister. On August 5 the first service was held in the new building at Galena and Laura with a record attendance of 86 adults and 52 children. Services since the beginning had been held in the Grace Wilson School.

The interior of the new building has been decorated and improvements added by the volunteer labor of the members. An electric organ adds to the dignity of the services. A Vacation Church School was conducted in August under the leadership of the Rev. David McMullen, theological student from Union Seminary.

Students To La Foret

Five college students represented Kansas at the United Student Fellowship National Conference and Assembly in La Foret, Colorado, August 28-September 4. The USF was organized in 1948 by Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed College students.

Students attending were Clinton Peirce, Partridge, Donald E. Elson, Kinsley, and Vash Rumph, Wichita, all from the Kansas State College USF, and Norman Dirks, Greensburg and Barbara Bell, McPherson, from the University of Kansas USF. Miss Bell was the 1955-56 study chairman of the National USF.

The 165 conference delegates participated in Bible study, theological discussions, worship and fellowship.

The Rev. Dr. Bryant Drake of the C and C fellowship and the Rev. Harland H. Helmich of E & R, National secretaries of USF directed the conference.